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Applicant(s): Carol Erdman					
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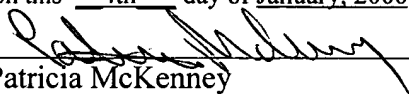
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RESPONSE

In response to Office Action mailed October 4, 2005 ("the Office Action"), Applicants hereby offer the following amendments and remarks. A brief index of the present communication follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.